

Lower San Juan Basin Groundwater Yield Enhancement Study
Eligible Documentation ("EligDoc")

Municipal Water District of Orange County was formed in 1951 under the California Water Code Municipal Water District Law of 1911 (Section 71000 et seq). This law confers broad powers to MWDOC. MWDOC is eligible under this law and has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California.

MWDOC is a "local agency" as defined under CWC 10701 (a) ("local agency" means any city, county, district, agency, or other political subdivision of the state for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries").

MWDOC will solely conduct the work under this grant application and no legal agreement with local agencies is necessary to perform this work. MWDOC does have other legal arrangements on related work with the local agencies in the area. MWDOC has an MOU with five local agencies to conduct feasibility investigations for the South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination Project. MWDOC sits on the Executive Committee and Management Committee of the South Orange County Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan group. MWDOC participates and cooperates closely with the San Juan Basin Authority (SJBA).

The SJBA and MWDOC are working cooperatively on this effort. Attached is a letter from the SJBA indicating their support for this grant application.



SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY

July 3, 2012

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Subject: Grant Application to DWR Local Groundwater Assistance
Lower San Juan Basin Groundwater Yield Enhancement Study

Dear Mr. Seckel:

The San Juan Basin Authority has been working cooperatively with MWDOC for several years and currently we are working on our Groundwater Management Plan development process. We are also working with MWDOC in your efforts through the South Orange Coastal Ocean Desalination Project participants work on the development of the Lower San Juan Basin Surface/Groundwater Flow Model.

As the administrator for the SJBA I am sending this letter in support of the subject grant application for the "Lower San Juan Basin Groundwater Yield Enhancement Study." Due to the postponement of the SJBA Board meeting, the Board could not act before the required submittal date of July 13. We plan to bring it to our Board at their next meeting for their consideration for its approval.

The work under the grant application is necessary to advance the development of the local water resources of the Lower San Juan Basin and will help in the implementation of the Groundwater Management Plan. Our GWMP work has been underway for the last year and will be finalized and adopted later this year.

We look forward to working with you in the conduct of this study.

Sincerely,

SAN JUAN BASIN AUTHORITY

Daniel Ferons,
Administrator

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